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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

1. Prior to commencement of the day's business, Colonel Miller casually discussed some of his personal views on CIA. Roughly, he expressed his belief that the function of CIA should be restricted to one of "intelligence coordination." Specifically, he stated that the title of the Director of Central Intelligence ought to be changed to Coordinator of Intelligence. Further, he proposed that the entire Deputy Director (Plans) complex, including FI, be abolished or, at the very least, be completely separated and isolated as a self-sufficient entity receiving its actual direction through channels other than the DCI. As in previous conversations, Colonel Miller described DD/P activities as a fatal fungus growth.

2. Mr. McGruder arrived about this time and immediately burst into a tirade against the Clark Committee. It seems that Mr. McGruder, who is scheduled to participate in the overseas inspection in the Far East, was notified Friday that he was not going to be cleared to inspect any of the covert activities. Instead, another one of the "brass" was to be cleared. Mr. McGruder had developed a slow burn over the weekend and was particularly angry because the other official had barely set foot in CIA. He then made an angry telephone call, and enroute to our car, he indicated that his exclusion had been explained by CIA's request that clearances for covert activities be kept to a minimum.

3. The first briefing of the day covered the Management Staff. Everything went exceedingly well, with Colonel Miller conducting a continuous and tenacious cross-examination. His major concern seemed to bear on the following points:

a. Did the Management Staff have sufficient prestige, authority and backing to get its recommendations resolved and/or acted upon?

b. Were recommendations requiring time to carry out being followed up effectively?

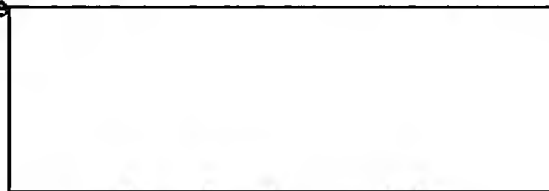
c. CIA has been deficient in its management functions, in that while making management and organizational studies of Agency components we base them upon functions already assigned or assumed. Should we not first challenge and realign the basic functions of the Agency to eliminate duplication and confusion?

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d. Would it not be beneficial to place all CIA machine records activities under a single organizational management, even though physically scattered?

4. The morning was too short to cover the Regulations Control Staff and the Records Management Staff. These were accordingly scheduled for tomorrow morning.

5. The Auditor-in-Chief gave his briefing in the afternoon. No questions of significance arose



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